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REMARKS/ARGUMENT

The rejection of claims 1, 2, and 4 - 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious variously over Mimura (US 6,249,643) in view of Ochi (US 4,542,409), over Mimura in view of Ochi, further in view of Ackland (US 5,576,763), and over Ackland in view of Ochi, are respectfully traversed.

As suggested in the Office Action, Claim 1 is amended to read "characterized in that each row includes both said first and second light detecting elements in each row are alternately disposed and activated by first read lines to generate odd field signals." Claim 7 is amended in a similar manner. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 7 are believed allowable over Mimura and Ochi. Claims 2-6 which depend from Claim 1 are likewise allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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